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UTAH BOATERS TO HELP SET INFLATABLE LIFE JACKET WORLD RECORD

Lehi – Join Utah State Parks and the National Safe Boating Council Thursday, May 20 at 8:30 a.m. at Cabela's in Lehi as Utah joins other states for Inflatable Life Jacket World Record Inflation Day. The Utah State Parks Boating Program will provide free cartridges to the public who participate and bring their own inflatable life jackets.

Throughout North America, participants will simultaneously inflate their life jackets to set a world record. The National Safe Boating Council not only hopes to set a world record, but educate the boating public about the comfort and accessibility of inflatable life jackets.

According to Utah Boating Program Assistant Manager Chris Haller, one Utahn lost his life this year by not wearing a life jacket. In 2009, seven Utahns who died in boating accidents would likely have lived had they worn life jackets.

This World Record Day helps to usher in National Safe Boating Week May 22 to 28. The goal of National Safe Boating Week is to educate and inform the boating public about boating safety, specifically life jackets.

Cabela's is located at 2502 West Grand Terrace Parkway in Lehi, Utah. For more information, visit www.readysetinflate.com. For boating education and safety information, visit stateparks.utah.gov/boating or call 1-800-RIDE-PWC.

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CELEBRATE SAFE BOATING WEEK AT UTAH LAKE STATE PARK

Provo – Join the Utah State Parks Boating Program Saturday, May 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Utah Lake State Park for a day of activities kicking off Utah Safe Boating Week.

Events include boating safety challenges, games and free vessel safety checks by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. For more information, visit stateparks.utah.gov or call (801) 538-BOAT.

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UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

May 29 Yuba State Park - Levan

Learn All About Litter: Join us at 5:30 p.m. to learn about litter, how long it takes to decompose, and what you can do to help recycle. (435) 758-2611

June 1 Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab

Incredible Insects: Join us for a program about the insects living at Dead Horse Point State Park. Meet at the visitor center amphitheater at 7:30 p.m. After the presentation, explore the desert and see what kinds of insects you can find! (435) 259-2614

June 1 - July 15 Anasazi State Park Museum - Boulder

New Harmonies - Celebrating American Roots Music: Enjoy this Smithsonian traveling exhibit and regular exhibits at the museum. (435) 335-7308

June 2 Frontier Homestead State Park Museum - Cedar City

Hands-On-History - What is a Pioneer? Join us at 10:30 a.m. to learn about early pioneer life. This program is designed for children six to 11 years old and pre-registration is required. (435) 586-9290

June 4 Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab

Desert Ethics: Join us for a program about minimum impact camping and hiking in this fragile desert environment. Meet at the visitor center amphitheater at 7:30 p.m. (435) 259-2614

June 5 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse

Junior Ranger Program: How do farm engines work? Join us at 2 p.m. to learn about historic engines and tractors. Meet at the Fielding Garr Ranch. Though this program is geared for children six to 12, everyone is welcome. (801) 649-5742

June 5 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

National Trails Day: Join park staff and volunteers to build a new trail in the Pine Creek Campground connecting the overflow parking to the Nature Trail. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Pine Creek Campground. Bring gloves, water, and snacks. Tools are provided. (435) 654-1791

June 5 - August 1 Fremont Indian State Park and Museum - Sevier

Sagebrush Art Gallery - Watercolors and Navajo Pottery: Enjoy the artwork of artists Rodney John and Trina Strong. Meet the artists at a reception June 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. The artists' works are available for sale. (435) 527-4631

June 5 Snow Canyon State Park - Ivins

Nature Sketching: Explore the fun of nature sketching at 9 a.m. on this 1.5-mile, roundtrip hike! (Previous art experience not necessary). Program registration is held the two days prior to the event. (435) 628-2255

June 5 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway
Free Fishing Day: Children up to the age of 14 are invited to join park staff and Division of Wildlife Resources volunteers at the visitor center pond from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for a day of fishing, fun, and prizes. Space is limited and registration is required. (435) 654-1791

June 5 Fremont Indian State Park and Museum - Sevier
Day Camp for People with Disabilities: Join park staff for a fun-filled, educational experience including hiking, crafts, stories, and games teaching campers about the natural and cultural history of Clear Creek Canyon. Activities run concurrently throughout the day for a variety of ability levels. Pre-registration is required. (435) 527-4631

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